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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6793

BILL NUMBER: SB 255

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: State Board of Nursing.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Merritt

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows the Indiana State Board of Nursing (Board) to hire an education compliance officer. The bill allows the Board to use the Impaired Nurses Account (INA) to fund the compliance officer and to cover costs incurred by members of the Board.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The hiring of an education compliance officer would reduce the available funds within the Impaired Nurses Account. The impact to INA expenditures would depend on the actual cost to hire a compliance officer. For example only, if the position was posted at a PAT III level, the cost would be approximately \$52,400 in the first year of hire. This figure includes salary, fringe benefits, and other indirect costs to establish the position.

Additionally, the bill would allow funds in the INA to be used to cover any other costs incurred by Nursing Board members in performance of the Board's responsibilities.

Background Information- The INA had \$1.3 M in revenues, \$399,235 in expenditures, and a fund balance of \$2 M at the close of FY 2012. The INA is funded with 25% of the fees from nurses' licensure. The INA is an account within the state General Fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the Board for provision of rehabilitation of impaired registered or licensed practical nurses.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency, State Board of Nursing.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Auditor's database trial balance 6/30/2012.

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